

# **FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

## **HB 51 – SB 247**

April 18, 2007

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005636):** Deletes the language of the original bill. Adds “two or more students initiating a physical attack on an individual student on school property or at a school activity, including travel to and from school” as a good and sufficient reason to suspend a student from attendance at school.

### **FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - Exceeds \$100,000

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### **FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

#### **Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

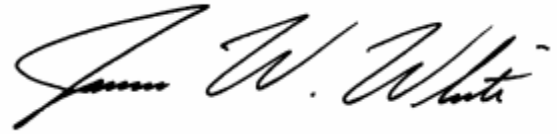
Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Authorizes the principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal to suspend students for such behavior.
- Current law does not prohibit a principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal from suspending students who gang up with others to fight an individual student.
- This estimate assumes students would not be required to be expelled or sent to an alternative school.
- Any cost to local governments to carry out the requirements of the bill is estimated to be not significant.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director